

# WHO IS THE COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION AUTHORITY?

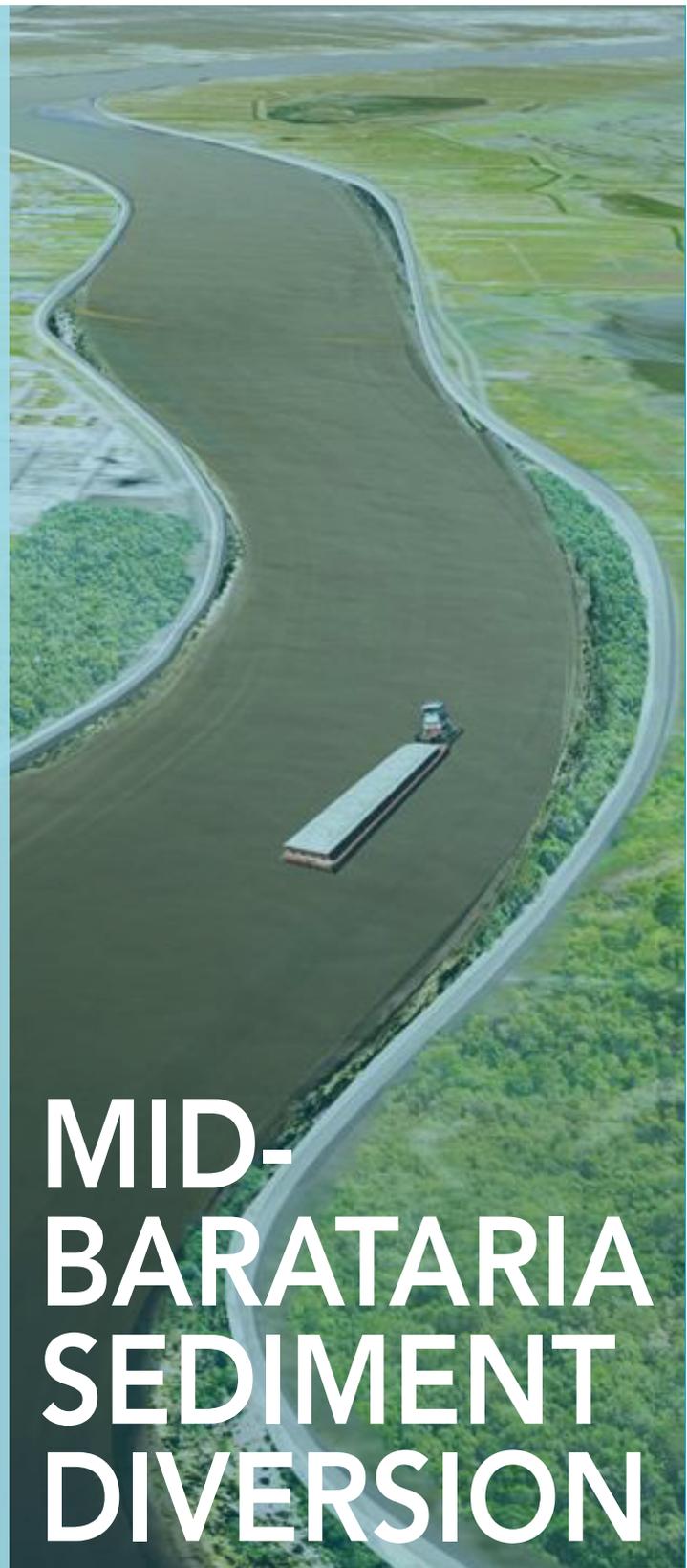
Single state entity with authority to articulate a clear statement of priorities to achieve comprehensive coastal protection for Louisiana.

Mandate is to develop, implement, and enforce a comprehensive coastal protection and restoration master plan.

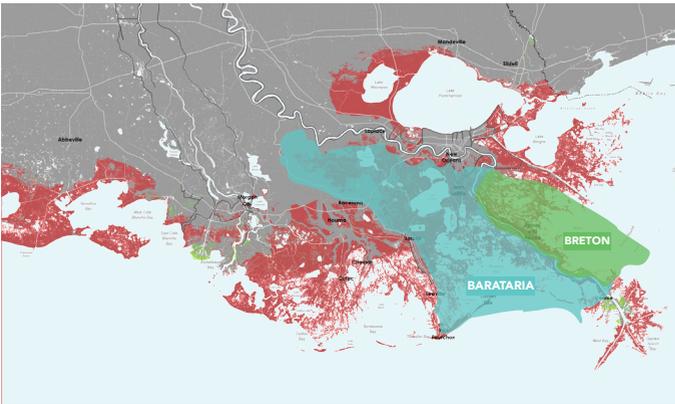


# STAY INFORMED & ENGAGED

-  JOIN CPRA STAFF MEMBERS ON ONE OF THEIR MONTHLY TRIPS TO COASTAL LOUISIANA
-  ATTEND A CPRA BOARD MEETING TO ENGAGE WITH CPRA LEADERSHIP
-  VISIT [COASTAL.LA.GOV](http://COASTAL.LA.GOV) TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS PROJECT AND OTHER COASTAL RESTORATION EFFORTS
-  EMAIL US AT [OUTREACH@LA.GOV](mailto:OUTREACH@LA.GOV)
-  FOLLOW CPRA ON SOCIAL MEDIA FOR RELEVANT UPDATES



# MID- BARATARIA SEDIMENT DIVERSION



# WHAT'S AT STAKE?

## FUTURE WITHOUT ACTION

- » We are facing a crisis - our coast is under attack - we have lost 1,900 square miles of land in the last 80 years.
- » If we don't act quickly and boldly, our children, their grandchildren, the state of Louisiana, and the entire country will face the consequences.
- » The only way to fix this problem is to focus on the root issue, not the symptoms.



## LAND LOSS



## STORM PROTECTION



## LOUISIANA'S FUTURE

ECONOMY, INFRASTRUCTURE, & CULTURE



## U.S. ECONOMY

NAVIGATION, ENERGY, & SEAFOOD PRODUCTION

# EFFORTS

CPRA'S COASTAL RESTORATION EFFORTS SINCE 2007

**\$18 BILLION**  
SECURED FOR PROTECTION & RESTORATION  
PROJECTS IN 20 PARISHES

**112 MILLION**  
CUBIC YARDS  
OF FILL UTILIZED

**274 MILES**  
OF LEVEE  
IMPROVEMENT

**52 MILES**  
OF BARRIER ISLANDS & BERMS  
CONSTRUCTED/UNDER CONSTRUCTION

**30,637**  
ACRES OF LAND  
BENEFITED

## WHY SEDIMENT DIVERSIONS?

- » The river is a powerful land building tool - in fact, the only healthy and growing parts of the delta and our entire coast are connected to a major river (Mississippi and Atchafalaya).
- » Reconnecting the river to our basins through sediment diversions is the most effective and sustainable approach and is part of an integrated and comprehensive solution outlined in the Coastal Master Plan that includes barrier islands, marsh creation, ridge restoration, levees, and non-structural protection.
- » Sediment diversions will produce results that are consistent with master plan objectives –use natural processes to build and maintain land, reduce flood risk, and support habitats and ecosystems
- » Future generations and our entire state are depending on us.



# PROCESS & TIMELINE

## FUTURE WITHOUT ACTION

- » The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires federal agencies to integrate environmental values into their decision making processes by considering the environmental impacts of their proposed actions and reasonable alternatives to those actions. The NEPA process and engineering and design for this project have begun and will continue through 2017. During 2017, there will be multiple opportunities for the public to provide commentary on this project through the NEPA process. Construction is not anticipated to begin until 2021.